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## Man Charged With Attempted Murder, Assault During SWAT Shootout

A suspected gang member is expected to be arraigned today on attempted murder and other charges after opening fire on SWAT officers last month, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Jose Rauda (dob 4/4/83) was charged in case BA458353 with 46 counts, including 19 counts of attempted murder on police officers. He also faces charges of assault with a firearm upon a peace officer, assault with a firearm, assaulting a police animal causing injury and possession of a firearm by a felon. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Department 30 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center.

Deputy District Attorney Mary Murray of the Crimes Against Peace Officers Section is prosecuting the case.

On June 15, police were about to start a probation search in the 400 block of East 49<sup>th</sup> Street, when gunfire erupted from inside a house. Several officers returned fire and Rauda was allegedly seen running from the home. No one was wounded.

After trying to locate Rauda for about two hours, he was believed to be hiding in a trash can in a backyard. A police dog was sent to investigate and was allegedly shot once in the hind leg, prosecutors said.

Rauda reportedly fled before police arrived and he was found hours later hiding in a laundry room behind a nearby house. SWAT officers responded and Rauda is accused of opening fire and striking an officer in the front portion of his helmet. A shootout ensued but no one was injured by the gunfire.

Rauda eventually surrendered to police.

If convicted as charged, he faces a possible maximum sentence of life in state prison.

The case remains under investigation by the Los Angeles Police Department.

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